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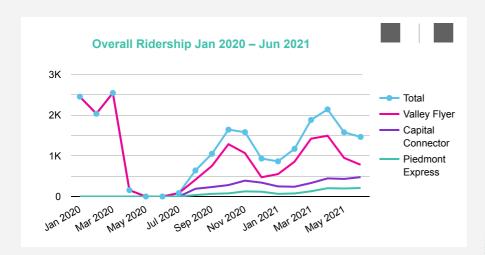
ABOUT US

The Virginia Breeze launched in December 2017 as a federally funded intercity bus pilot service. Managed by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the service began with a single route between Blacksburg and Washington, D.C. Virginia Breeze Bus Lines now connects communities across the Commonwealth through three routes: the Valley Flyer, the Piedmont Express, and the Capital Connector. Our routes serve the New River Valley, the Shenandoah Valley, the Piedmont Region, the Southern Racing Region, and Northern Virginia.

The Virginia Breeze tagline, *Connecting the Commonwealth*, reflects the bus line's mission of providing accessible and affordable transportation to underserved communities in Virginia. The service connects residents to other parts of the state and to points beyond, with stops at Washington's Union Station or Dulles International Airport. The Virginia Breeze expands opportunities for residents by connecting them to family, friends, school, recreational activities, and travel destinations. Whether transporting a retiree to Dulles Airport to catch a vacation flight or getting a patient to their doctor's appointment, the Virginia Breeze aims to give every rider a sense of comfort and confidence in their transportation decision



OVERALL RIDERSHIP -



With affordable fares, accessible buses, and multiple routes, we're making it easier for Virginians to travel the state to visit friends and family, explore the Commonwealth's cities and towns, and get things done.

Since 2017, Virginia Breeze Bus Lines carried **78,075** passengers across the Valley Flyer, Piedmont Express, and Capital Connector routes.

The most popular northbound destinations are **Union Station** in Washington, D.C.; **Dulles International Airport**; and **Falls Church**, in that order.

The most popular southbound destinations are, in order, **Blacksburg**, **Richmond**, **Harrisonburg**, **Charlottesville**, and **Danville**.

The overall farebox recovery rate for all routes(Jan. 2020 - June 2021) is **31.43%**. The average cost per revenue mile is \$3.06 and the average cost per passenger was \$246.31.







CONNECTING THE COMMONWEALTH

Virginia Breeze Bus Lines is Virginians connection to small towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. With stops at Dulles International Airport and Union Station, it allows passengers to catch a plane, a train, or another bus. From Union Station, you can take Megabus or an Amtrak train to cities along the Northeast Corridor, including Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston. With affordable and convenient service, we're making it easier to explore, visit friends and family, and get things done.

The buses feature amenities that include free Wi-Fi, charging ports, luggage storage, and roomy seating so passengers can travel comfortably. All buses are ADA compliant and are equipped with a wheelchair lift. And tickets along the three routes are affordable — ranging from \$15 to \$50.

Passengers can easily book trips or get more information by visiting virginiabreeze.org and by following the Virginia Breeze Bus Lines Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter channels for the latest news and service updates.



SERVING VIRGINIANS

Throughout the pandemic, Virginia Breeze is committed to offering safe and reliable services to its customers — knowing that many of the connections made during the pandemic were important and necessary travel. To keep passengers safe, Virginia Breeze implemented safety measures including mask requirements, capacity reduction, leaving empty seats between passengers, social distancing, and more. Safety news and information is updated regularly and clearly outlined on the website so passengers can feel confident when booking their tickets.

NEW ROUTE. NEW RHYTHMS.

DRPT will once again be expanding its Virginia intercity bus program by introducing a fourth route in the Fall of 2021 that will help broaden the network of transportation options available to communities in the southwestern part of the state. Like the other routes, the Highlands Rhythm will operate 365 days a year and provide daily northbound and southbound service with 9 stops from Bristol, Virginia to Washington, D.C., including Wytheville, Radford, Christiansburg, Salem, Harrisonburg, Dulles International Airport, and West Falls Church Metrorail Station.



